

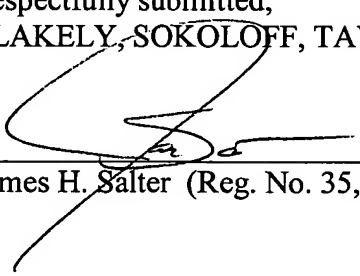
REMARKS

As a Comment on Statement of Reasons For Allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to claims 1, 12, 13, and 19 be made, strictly for clarification in light of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance, or to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim H. Salter at (408) 720-8598.

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